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SUB: SHAIKH RASHID'S VISIT TO TEHRAN

1. SHAIKH RASHID, EMIR OF DUBAI AND VICE PRES OF UAE, LEFT TEHRAN OCTOBER 15 AFTER TWO-DAY VISIT DURING WHICH HE HAD AUDIENCE AND LUNCH WITH SHAH AND MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA AND OTHER OFFICIALS. RASHID'S RETINUE INCLUDED HIS CON SHAIKH MAKHTOUM, PREMIER OF UAE, AND MEHDI TAJER, UAE AMBASSADOR TO EUROPE.

2. HOVEYDA TOLD AMBASSADOR OCTOBER 16 THAT RASHID HAD ASKED TO VISIT ON 48 HOURS' NOTICE. ALTHOUGH TIMING HAD BEEN INCONVENIENT, COURT AND GOI HAD BEEN ABLE TO RESHUFFLE OTHER ENGAGEMENTS TO RECEIVE HIM AS OFFICIAL GUEST OF PRIMIN. RESPONDING TO AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION ABOUT PURPOSE OF VISIT, HOVEYDA SAID HE WAS NOT ABLE TO FIGURE WHY RASHID HAD COME; HE HAD MADE NO PARTICULAR REQUESTS. HOVEYDA GUESSED IT WAS BECAUSE "IT IS USEFUL THING TO VISIT IRAN NOWADAYS" AND THAT RASHID HAD PROBABLY WANTED TO COME BEFORE SHAIKH ZAYID WHO IS DUE IN DECEMBER.

3. ACCORDING TO HOVEYDA, CONVERSATIONS HAD BEEN OF VERY GENERAL NATURE. RASHID HAD WXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT ZAYID'S AMBITIONS AND SAID HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY ZAYID WANTED ALL THE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS HE IS ACQUIRING. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED, AND PRIMIN AGREED, THAT ZAYID MIGHT WANT TO USE THEM AS CLUB TO STRENGTHEN HIS HAND AGAINST RASHID AND OTHER EMIRS WHO ARE LESS
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THAN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HIS LEADERSHIP. HOVEYDA SAID RASHID HAD

BEEN TOLD IRAN WAS READY TO OFFER ANY SECURITY ASSISTANCE UAE AND OTHER GULF STATES REQUESTED TO COUNTER SUBVERSIVE THREATS.

4. MFA CHIEF OF PERSIAN GULF AFFAIRS IZADI GAVE POLCOUNS SIMILAR RUNDOWN ON VISIT. HE WAS AS PUZZLED ABOUT REAL PURPOSE OF VISIT AS HOVEYDA AND SAID THAT IN MEETINGS RASHID DIDN'T SAY MUCH MORE THAN AN OCCASIONAL "INSHALLAH" OR ALHAMDOLALLAH". IZADI GOT IMPRESSION RASHID TOOK STRONGER STAND AGAINST INTERNAL SUBVERSION THAN ZAYID BUT THAT HE WAS REALLY MORE CONCERNED WITH ECONOMICS THAN POLITICS. IN ONE SENSE RASHID'S VISIT WAS REFRESHING CHANGE FROM MOST, IZADI ADDED, SINCE HE HADN'T HAD HIS HAND OUT.
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